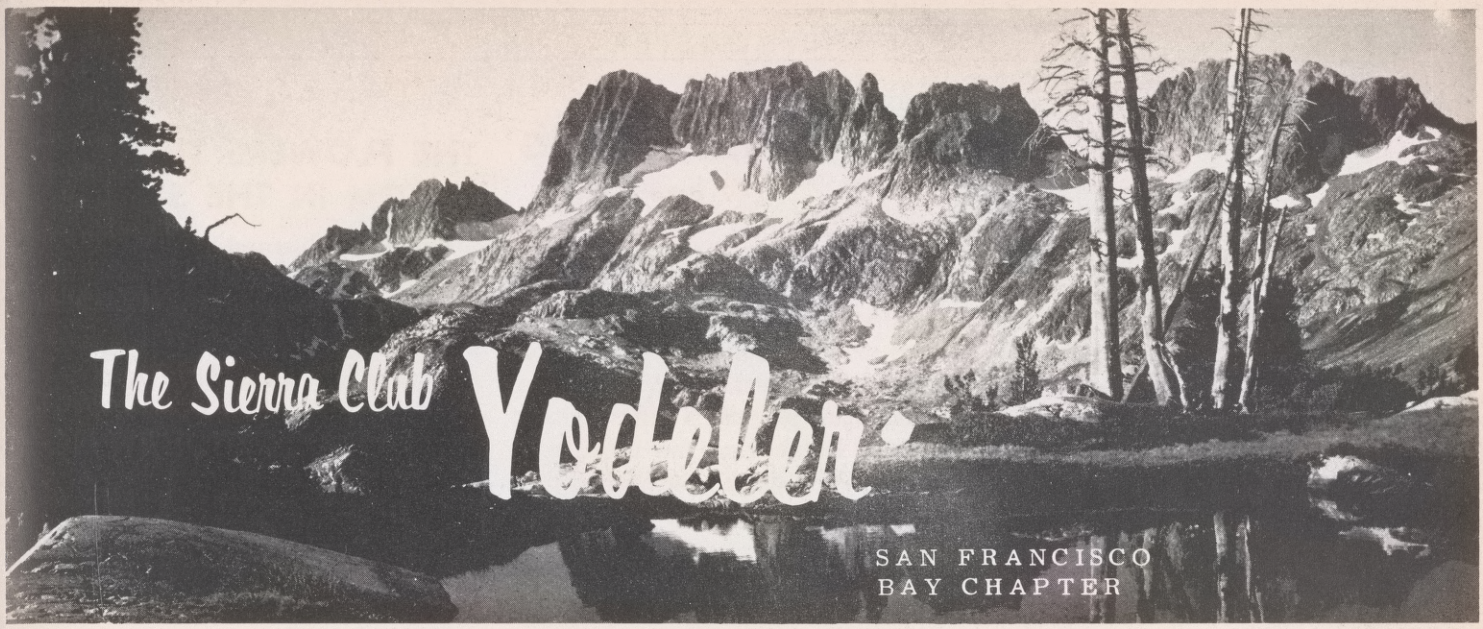

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CONSERVATION VERSUS CONSTRUCTION

In spite of hopes to the contrary, Fremontia Park in Berkeley is still in jeopardy. The City Council voted to buy two lots on which to build the firehouse, but on these lots has a house on it whose owners are definitely unwilling to sell. Now comes a petition from more than 2000 die-hard taxpayers demanding that the issue be placed on the ballot. There will be plenty of argument pro and con on this subject between now and November. Like most controversies, it is not a simple matter, but the basic reason for retaining the park is still that green spots in cities are scarce and once built on are gone for good.

The same problem turns up in Golden Gate Park. We received only four answers to our request for your ideas on the proposed stables to be built inside the park boundaries. All four said, in effect, nothing against horses, but that this means another good green spot lost. One important issue was raised by a letter which pointed out that the stables would be annoyingly close to the only part of the park used for children's day camps. Other facts in the situation are: the existing stables have sold their land to a supermarket; it is too valuable for a low-income business. We found only one small

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ROGUE RIVER TRIP JULY 4th WEEKEND

The deadline for reservations for this trip has been extended to June 25th. So send your $5.00 deposit immediately to Slavka Cibilich, 106 Summit Drive, Corte Madera (WAbash 4-2330; office, WEbster 8-5511). Those living in Marin County or San Francisco may contact Slavka for details; those in the East Bay get in touch with Elaine Baron at THornwall 1-2683.

We will meet at 8:15 in Gold Beach at the Rogue River Boat Dock on Friday, July 4. Mail boat will take us to Schneider's Lodge where we'll have lunch and dinner (such yummy food). We'll stay at this beautifully scenic spot overnight and will start our run after breakfast on Saturday. Saturday night we'll camp at Copper Canyon, and Sunday we'll complete the rest of the trip. We can possibly take some who will not be boating but will go down the river via mail boat. If anyone has a boat or boats he would like to rent, please let Slavka or Elaine know.

Your application should state your name, address, phone, whether you need or can offer rides, your type of boat (single or double, folding or rigid), and of course, your $5.00 deposit.

DAMP FOOLISHNESS

At 10 a.m. Memorial Day, ten intrepid rock climbers set out on the three-mile hike to Castle Dome. The tremendous view of the spectacular spires close by and of Mt. Shasta made up for the hot, dry hike. Two routes were done on the Dome, one of which did not require the use of a rope. Several small spires were ascended before a violent rainstorm drove us back to camp soaking wet.

It poured all night and dawn found Greg McGibbon sleeping in the men's room, while others dozed, dry but cramped, in cars.

Nobody ventured very far from the trail or did any long climbs on Saturday or Sunday due to the weather conditions.

Up on Mt. Shasta, the Bay Chapter was having trouble with the weather too. No one made the summit, but Bill Daub, Mike McMillan and Steve Roper reached 12,800 feet before being turned back by a snowstorm.

All in all the trip was fun despite the weather, and a good look was taken at the fantastic rock climbing possibilities in Castle Crags State Park.

—Steve Roper

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empty lot in the streets on either side of the park right out to the beach. Furthermore, the part of the park proposed for the stables is a most attractive natural section along the south drive.

In Joshua Tree National Monument the same danger of too much construction is being argued in a public hearing as this is printed. Shall the proposed "Blue Cut" highway right across the Monument from Twentynine Palms to Indio be approved by the National Park Service? Speedy passage for automobiles is the objective, with no interest in the Monument. This road would impair the desert quality of the area, invite pressure for other developments, injure wildlife which requires a wide range (especially mountain sheep), and if we can judge by the highway into Twentynine Palms, would soon be littered with cans, trash, and debris which would never disintegrate in that dry climate but outlast the tourist by a thousand years.

—CMC

RIVER TOURING SECTION

The weekend of the 21st and 22nd of this month sounds interesting. Don Golden is leading the group in surfing and his plans promise a different sort of run in kayaks than our usual river running. Why don't you plan to join this group—call Don for further details at his home.

It might be a good idea to go on this trip or the following scheduled river trip for there will be more models of the skin diving suits on display. Frank Locke had pockets put in his so his cigarets would stay dry; and Barbara Tilden is looking into the matter soon, so perhaps by then she will have hers.

Movies and slides of various trips were shown at the last monthly meeting, and we finally got to see the activity on the Eel River which offered such sport. I overheard that this should be a must in next year's schedule. Bryce had some slides showing the various lean-tos made to prevent the rain from penetrating sleepers and sleeping bags on our first Mokelumne trip. If you missed seeing them, ask him to show them to you some time.

Vacation time is coming up for many right now, and if yours is still in that nebulous state, why not join the group on the Rogue River over the Fourth of July for the weekend or for the week preceding this. For the week's jaunt contact Jim Thor and for the weekend Slavka Cibilich who are handling the details for the jaunts.

Happy vacation to all of you and see some of you on the Rogue and also on the first Salmon Trip. Have fun! If you are in town, see you at our July and August monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of each month.

—Elinore Ridge

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SUMMER

Calling the Natural Science Sectioners! All kinds of things are in bloom in the Tilden Park botanical gardens right now, so you had better get over there and see them. Here is the exquisite roster:*

Desert Snowberry (This is extra special, as very few people see it blooming in the Panamint Mountain, Death Valley.)
Oval-leaf Gaultheria
Western Labrador Tea
Wild Mock Orange
Bush anemone
Island Bush Poppy
Bush Poppy
Matilija Poppy
Apache Plume
Sierra Morindian Misery
Western Burning Bush
Snapdragon Penstemon

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* Plus monkeyflowers too numerous to mention. —Bob Owen

YOU AUDUBON NOW

Three Audubon Screen Tours will be held at 8 p.m. Thursdays during August in Wheeler Auditorium at the University of California.

August 7, Laurel Reynolds will explore in color film the wildlife and wilderness areas of the Pacific Coast.

August 14, Bert Harwell presents "Forgotten Country," illustrating his talk with color pictures and his own bird song interpretations.

August 21, Albert J. Wool will show a color film, "Ranch and Range," depicting ranch wildlife near San Jose.

Reserved seats are 85 cents for each performance; tickets are available at the box office before each performance.

ANYONE FOR LIVING IN MARIN?

Wanted: One or possibly two Sierra Club women to share home and garden in Marin County. I work in SF, have station wagon, enjoy Sierra Club activities. Very reasonable financial arrangements on a share-the-work plan, if desired.

Phone me evenings, or Tuesdays, for further details—GLenwood 4-5088 (San Anselmo)—Mary R. King.

DOUBLE-ACTION CAMPING

A campfire with three double-feature acts highlighted the Dardanelles car camping trip June 14-15.

Trip leaders Pauline Lee and Mildred Hilkey third-degreed every car group as it reached the campground to see what talent it included. They discovered three "fly-boys," two of whom turned out to be excellent story tellers. First of these was Joe Anderson, Coast Guard pilot, whose Mississippi drawl lent authenticity to his tales of tracking down moonshine by airplane in the southern states, and made even more humorous his stories of life and love in Newfoundland .

Following Joe's talk, Abe Siemens, who violated car camping tradition by traveling by Cessna 160 rather than automobile, related some of his adventures in flying around the state.

The second campfire feature was a series of duets by Henry Fraser and "Kitch" Kitchener, who murdered some Irish and Scottish ballads as they've never been murdered before. Henry led the group singing to a new high level, with light opera numbers in addition to the usual menu of campfire songs.

Rounding out the special treats were talks by Role Douglas, the third aviator of the group, who chose to talk of Forestry Association trips instead of about flying; and Olga Myers, former Denverite, who described Colorado Mountain Club activities.

—A.R.

FOR SALE

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TITILLATING TIL-TIL

A perfect group of 19 eager knapsackers, typical High Sierra granite and forest country, just-right hiking weather and snow compact and springy all had to add up to an unbeatable Memorial weekend.

From Hetch Hetchy up the zigzags to the Jack Main Trail, up the ridge to Beehive Meadow; snow from there to the ridge overlooking Vernon Lake. A beautiful camp at the edge of the Granite ridge overlooking the stream running out of Vernon Lake. One of those High Sierra campfires with accompanying fine entertainment lasting far into Friday night.

Nothing like starting a Saturday morning with an icy bath, ranging from boot tops to short-bottoms, depending on height and proximity to waterfall. However, that was our only wet crossing, except the march Sunday morning. Up granite zig-zags to a snowy ridge, which we followed for several miles before dropping down to Til-Till.

After lunch, a most inviting swimmin' hole tempted some of the hardier. Seven of us climbed several thousand feet of ridge up the Til-Till Valley, encountering quantities of snow along the top of the ridge. Fortunately we didn't bring packs as it would have been impossible to reach any sort of camp before dark.

The trip back involved scaling two ridges and dropping into the corresponding canyons, which offered a wide variety of landscape, including a "mist falls" to cool us off just before reaching the cars. Dinner for most of the group at Oakdale topped off one of the best knapsack trips we have ever had.

—Clarence and Flo Richmond

The Sierra are paintable and watercolor is portable. Classes with Tom Elliott, Artists Cooperative, 2224 Union at Fillmore (JO 7-0464). Come in work clothes. Saturday mornings 9-12.

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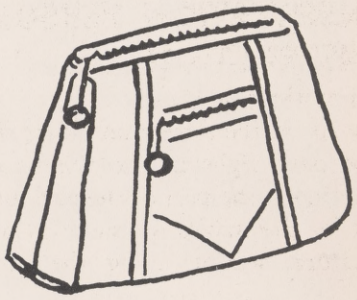

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—from a folder on skiing on Germany's highest peak, the Zugspitz.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We're looking for someone to replace Carl Heidenreich as advertising manager for the Schedule. Carl has held this office for several years and feels he deserves a vacation. He will, however, be available to acquaint his successor with the work.

The job involves corresponding with or calling on the various advertisers in the Schedule three times each year to receive their copy for the Schedule, and then billing them.

No knowledge of advertising is necessary, since the advertiser sends his own material and our printer prepares the proofs.

Call me at OLympic 5-3652. We will begin work on the fall Schedule very shortly and would like to find an interested man (or woman) as soon as possible.

—Hasse Bunnelle

PHOTO HIKE PREMIERE

The inaugural Local Walks photography hike was on a rainy day. Interest was so great, however, that 18 photo-bugs were ready at Pan Toll, the starting point. One was from San Carlos, another from San Mateo.

There was a light drizzle and a visibility of about 50 feet; those beautiful long-distance views from Mt. Tamalpais were under a mantle of clouds. We headed down Steep Ravine with its giant redwoods, ferns, clear mountain streams, cascades and waterfalls. The canopy of redwoods and laurels protected us as a natural umbrella from the elements. Photographically, the mist overhead gave us a diffused lighting, ideal for color photography under the redwoods where the extremes of light and shadow on brilliant sunshiny days often exceed the range of color film. Scenes were taken using the camera on a tripod with a short time exposure.

Instruction and advice were given to novice and experienced photographers. After lunch at Pan Toll the group hiked down the Matt Davis trail to Stinson Beach. All agreed this should be an annual trip.

—Walter Strohmaier

GOURMET GUIDE

Do you miss the Gourmet Guide, which has been an annual tradition in the last June issue for about 3 years now?

We don't have it this year. One reason is that due to staff personnel absences we didn't have the time for it. Also, The Yodeler is very definitely operating as the mailing permit on the back page states—a non profit operation—and possibly we couldn't have budgeted it anyway.

PHONEY LISTINGS

Glen Gaumer — the people at the number listed in the schedule directory insist he doesn't live there. Use the number in the Bell System directory.

Lyn Wright — delete the evening hours shown in the schedule directory as this is his business phone.

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WANTED — Two knapsacks by husband and wife. Jean Hamilton, PRospect 6-0367 evenings.

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